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TOPIC <u>Schoenwalde Airfield</u>		
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1. At about 0615 on 27 August 1955, a twin-engine aircraft crossed over Schoenwalde airfield at an altitude of about 1,000 meters. When the aircraft had crossed the field heading east, 2 men jumped, one behind the other. At first, a small parachute was observed and, after a few seconds, the main chute opened. Immediately after releasing the parachutists, the aircraft made a left bank and approached the field for a second time, and released another 5 men in rapid succession. Subsequently, a third approach was made, at which time, 5 men jumped at short intervals. Shortly after leaving the aircraft, a small parachute opened over all jumpers while the main chute opened somewhat later. Instead of the parachutes being of a cylindrical form, they were four-cornered type chutes. Observations were made only until 0700, but it was later determined that additional parachutists had jumped from 2 or 3 other aircraft flying in close-order formations of 2 and 3. Two, three or four men jumped from each aircraft.
2. During the morning of 1 September, local flying was practiced by 2 Po-2s. At about 1600, 4 Po-2s were parked in front of the flight control station, when air activity was discontinued. Between 2 and 5 September, individual flights were made. Between 1900 and 2300 on 6 September, at least 4 Po-2s with set position lights were involved in night flying. During the morning on 7 September, flying was practiced. No flights were made on 8 September.

Comment. The occupation at Schoenwalde airfield has not changed. An unidentified unit repeatedly practiced parachute jumping over the field.

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